FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **\$95**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee	
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board	
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund of the State (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill would establish procedures for the Department of Consumer Affairs to request administrative hearings currently adjudicated by the Department to be transferred to the Administrative Law Court.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Administrative Law Court indicates that there will be a first year fiscal impact to the General Fund of \$54,000. This is comprised of \$48,750 in personal service/fringe benefits for 1.00 Attorney, and non-recurring expenses of \$5,250 for telephone, computer and other office expenses. Annual recurring costs are approximately \$48,750.

The Department of Consumer Affairs indicates there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds. According to the Department there are approximately 35-45 hearings each year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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